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DAMASCUS, CAIRO, AMMAN DATED 30 JUN 77

QUOTE: S E C R E T BEIRUT 3110

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: KAMAL AL-ASSAD REQUEST ISRAELI GUARANTEES

1. DURING LUNCH CONVERSATION JUNE 30, KAMAL AL-ASSAD, PRESIDENT
OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND DEPUTY FROM SOUTH LEBANON, TOLD ME
THAT HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH FATAH IN EFFORT ARRANGE CEASE-FIRE
SOUTH LEBANON. HE ASKED ME IF I WAS CONVINCED ISRAELIS HAD NO
INTENTION EXPLOIT SITUATION AND MOVE MILITARILY AGAINST SOUTH. I
SAID YES. HE THEN ASKED IF WE COULD GET ASSURANCES FROM ISRAELIS

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THAT, WERE PALESTINIANS TO EVACUATE BORDER VILLAGES, ISRAELIS
WOULD NOT THEN MOVE IN.

2. ASSAD EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO GET AGREEMENT FROM ALL
PARTIES THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD EVACUATE SOUTH LEBANON AND MOVE
TO ARQUB. PALESTINIANS WERE CLAIMING THAT IF THEY VACATED VILL-
AGES SUCH AS BINT JBAIL, ISRAELIS WOULD MOVE IN. I SAID I DID NOT

THINK THEY WOULD. QUESTION OF WHAT SO-CALLED LEBANESE FORCES WOULD DO WAS SOMETHING ELSE. HE SAID LEBANESE FORCES WOULD NOT BE PROBLEM, BUT HE WANTED US TO TRY TO GET ASSURANCES FROM ISRAELIS.

3. I SAID WOULD FORWARD HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON AND INFORM HIM WHEN I HAD RESPONSE.

4. AM DICTATING THIS IN GREAT HASTE BETWEEN APPOINTMENTS AND DO NOT HAVE TIME REFLECT THOROUGHLY ON ASSAD'S PROPOSITION. AT FIRST GLANCE, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE COULD REASONABLY ASK ISRAELIS, ASSUMING THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CEASE-FIRE, WHICH MAY BE BIG ASSUMPTION. PARKER UNQUOTE VANCE

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